

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
B	76



Lexington
15-17 Bedford St.
James & Dale Silva
owner
description:
c. 1830
Federal / Greek Revival
Vernacular farm house

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

Architect
 Exterior wall fabric Al. siding
 Outbuildings (describe) barn-garage east end
 Other features door w. grk. Rev. fretwork
(see pic.) house right angle to street
5 bays wide, center entrance
 Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 50'
 Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt
 Organization Lex. Hist. Com.
 Date 8/27/75

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of the house lots sold from the estate of Jonas Clarke, after 1805 (after construction of Bedford Street).

This house, along with 7 Bedford Street, was used as residence and workshop for the employees of Burr and Chittenden, Lexington clockmakers (see Proceedings of the Lexington Historical Society, Volume III).

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

Descrip. cont. Seems to have been excavated around foundation. Add lower story on later NW shed. NE shed earlier? Two chimneys on N rear slope of roof. Porch across front, square pillars, balustrade between.

1853 map - M. Wellington
1889 map - D. Dow

Darius Dow was an overland expressman in his younger years + later a gate tender. He died in 1908 - the house was occupied by George Dow into the 1920s.

(Later owned by
James Silva 1971-2006)

L. Mausolf
July 2009

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Lexington Minute-man, May 9, 1908.